

**CUMBRIA POLICE AUTHORITY**

**POLICING PLAN AND BEST VALUE COMMITTEE**

Minutes of a Meeting of the Policing Plan and Best Value Committee held on Tuesday 21 February 2006 in Conference Room 1, Police Headquarters, Carleton Hall, Penrith commencing at 10.00 am.

**PRESENT**

Mr C S Moth (Chair)

Mrs C A Egan  
Mrs P M Halfpenny

Mr W Smith  
Mr R Watson

**Also present:**

Assistant Chief Constable (Mr N Rhodes)  
Head of Strategic Development (Ms J Davies)  
Head of Strategic Planning (Insp G Rutherford)  
Performance Management and Policy Advisor (Miss M Saunders)  
Deputy Clerk (Mr S Edwards)

**PART 1 – ITEMS CONSIDERED IN THE PRESENCE OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**52. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs L Slavin and Mr J Woolley.

**53. ADMISSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

There were no items on the Agenda for which the Press and Public were to be excluded.

**54. DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL INTERESTS**

There were no disclosures of personal interest in relation to any item on the Agenda.

**55. MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 13 January 2006 had been circulated with the Agenda for the meeting.

**RESOLVED,** that, the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 13 January 2006 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

**56. ANNUAL POLICING PLAN 2006/07 – SECOND DRAFT**

The Assistant Chief Constable presented a report appended to which was the second draft of the Annual Policing Plan for 2006/07. He reminded Members that the first draft had been considered by the Committee at its meeting on 13 January. The second draft now contained a greater volume of detail to reflect the further work undertaken since the last meeting.

He reminded Members that the Policing Plan had to be “issued” after approval by the Authority, before the beginning of each Financial Year. It did not have to be formally published until 30 June.

The Head of Strategic Development then provided Members with further detail on the development of the Plan now before the Committee.

Members made various comments upon the second draft of the Plan. In particular they referred to instances within the Plan where it could be more clearly worded to better reflect either the actual position or to make it easier to understand for members of the public. They also referred to some sections where a rearrangement of the way in which information was presented would provide greater clarity. There was also some discussion with regard to targets contained within the Plan and it was also noted that some elements of the Plan, such as those with regard to protective services would need to be reconsidered depending upon the outcome the meeting of the full Authority on Friday when the possibility of a voluntary merger with Lancashire was to be considered. There was also some discussion about the development of an appropriate target for user satisfaction and the Head of Strategic Development advised that this was a matter that would be brought back to the Committee.

**RESOLVED,** that

- (1) The second draft of the Annual Policing Plan 2006/07 be noted;
- (2) Members comments be taken into account in subsequent drafts of the Plan; and
- (3) It be noted that it was the intention to submit a version of the Plan to the full Authority on 22 March for approval, following which it would be posted on the Authority and Constabulary websites by 31 March 2006.

## **57. TARGET SETTING 2006/07**

The Assistant Chief Constable presented a report by the Chief Constable concerning the target setting process for 2006/07. The report outlined the estimated year end positions for 2005/06 in relation to the Constabulary's three year targets which were set in 2004/05. In order to maintain the trajectory to meet the final 2007/08 targets the required targets for 2006/07 were shown in each of the target categories.

Work was ongoing to develop an appropriate methodology to disaggregate the Constabulary targets to stretching BCU level targets.

In addition targets were proposed in relation to the PPAF Local Domain framework. The issues identified for inclusion in the Local Domain were –

Anti Social Behaviour  
Youth Disorder  
Anti Social use of Motor Vehicles

The papers submitted to the Committee presented a series of “proposals” for measuring these areas effectively.

The Head of Strategic Development advised that much of this work emerged from the three year framework of targets contained within the Strategy Plan and agreed with the Home Office. However this year a considerable amount of work had been undertaken on developing the Local Domain framework and in particular on how success could be measured.

The Head of Strategic Planning then took Members through the Target Setting Document for 2006/07 in detail. Members scrutinised the proposals put forward by the Constabulary in relations to targets and the rationale behind them. Members were particularly anxious that appropriate baselines were established and that the targets set were realistic in terms of measurement and achievability.

In addition Members emphasised the role of the Police Authority in developing local targets, which was an obligation which fell upon police authorities. At the present time they did not feel fully informed of the process as it had developed, though they were anxious that the targets were signed off at the next meeting. Given the tight timescales within which the Constabulary and Authority were operating it was suggested that it would be appropriate for a meeting to be arranged between representatives of the Authority and Constabulary in the following week to take the matter forward before the target setting proposals were submitted to the Chief Officer Group in early March.

**RESOLVED,** that

- (1) The estimated position regarding the three year targets, as set out in the report, be noted;
- (2) Representatives of the Authority and Constabulary meet within the next week to consider further the Local Domain areas and proposals for measurement;
- (3) A further report be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee.

**There were no Part 2 items.**

**The Meeting ended at 11.00am**